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## Judi Myers Named to Council Post Representing Ward Four

Judi Myers, Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the Gatesway Foundation in Broken Arrow, has been selected by the City Council to fill the vacated seat from Ward Four.

Myers was a unanimous pick by the other four Council members at their regularly scheduled meeting Tuesday night. She replaces Melissa Mahan, who resigned her position effective Sept. 1, citing scheduling conflicts with classes for her doctoral degree.

The Council had asked for "letters of interest" from any residents of Ward Four who wished to be considered for the seat. Myers will fill the position until April, when an election will be held for the Council seats in wards three and four and the at-large position. Myers will have the option of running for the full four-year term representing Ward Four at that time.

"I am so excited to be a part of the City of Broken Arrow," said Myers. "Even though this is a large city, there is still so much of the small-town atmosphere here."

Myers has been CEO at Gatesway since January of 2001. A graduate of Sapulpa High School, Myers earned double degrees at Oklahoma State University (Psychology and Family Relations and Child Development) before adding a Master's Degree in Applied Behavioral Studies. She moved to Sand Springs while working at Hissom and lived there for 20 years while raising her three children. Daughter Dawn Dout is a teacher at Indian Springs Elementary in Broken Arrow. Daughter Shannon Scott is a member of the Broken Arrow Police Department, but will be leaving for a tour of duty in Iraq within the next month. Son James Scott is a chemical engineer working and living in Texas.



### Remarkable Remodeling.... Conserving Tax Dollars At City Hall

By Mayor Richard Carter

Several years ago, everyone agreed something had to be done at City Hall to provide space for the increasing number of employees required to provide the services of the City. A bond election provided funds to build the Justice Center, relocating the jail and courtroom — freeing up the north end of City Hall.

But there was a BIG problem. Old jail cells make terrible offices. Plus, the entire building had been pieced together, added on, and rewired multiple times, resulting in a confusing maze of offices, cramped areas, and inadequate or duplicate wiring. The decision was made to restructure the departments and rework the entire building to make it more efficient, customer friendly (read that "citizen friendly") and useable. But it had to be done as cost effectively as possible.

The departments were reorganized, plans drawn, and the rework began in March of 2005. To keep costs down, as much of the work as possible was done by the City's building maintenance crew, under the leadership of 16-year employee Roger Edwards. Jerjuan Lawrence and David Rissler later joined Juan Silva and Kenneth Booth, both on the job from the start.

This small, hard-working crew, with the help of outside contractors in a few of the specialty fields such as air conditioning and electrical wiring, has literally made a "silk purse out of a sow's ear." The foreboding reinforced concrete walls of jail cells are just a memory, replaced by the bright and open Development Services Department, and this transformation has taken place all over the 30,000+ square feet of the building. In fact, only the Council Chambers has been done entirely by outside contractors. Everywhere else, demolition, framing of interior walls, hanging doors, painting, and even laying the beautiful and durable ceramic tile in the main hallway was the work of this group. All the while, work went on by other City employees, who continued their jobs despite being moved from one place to another in the process.

Work in City Hall will be complete in September, but the crew will get no respite. They'll move on to other locations, beginning and continue their work. The tax dollars saved by using this group? An estimated \$1.2 million in contract labor charges was saved just on this project.

To top it off, the quality is outstanding, and "Old City Hall" will ably serve the citizens for decades to come. Good work, guys!!

THEY CAN BUILD IT...but can the Mayor? Roger Edwards (far left), manager of the City's Building Maintenance Division, introduces Mayor Richard Carter to crew members David Rissler and Juan Silva (far right), on the site of one of the City Hall renovation projects.

DON'T MESS WITH ME! -- This youngster is putting to use some of the lessons he learned at the "Kids Safe" class taught by Broken Arrow Police Officers recently at Nienhuis Park.

## Annual Homeowners Workshop Set for Nov. 4 at Nienhuis Park

The City's annual Homeowners Association workshop has been scheduled for Saturday, Nov. 4, from 9 a.m. to 12 noon at the Youth/Community Center in Nienhuis Park.

City Planner Farhad Daroga, who helped develop this program several years ago, explained that the format would be similar to those in the past.

"We'll have representatives there from several City departments," said Daroga. "After a brief overview, we'll have those representatives at various tables throughout the Center. Residents can stay at one table and ask questions, or move around from one to another. We want to do everything we can to provide information to our citizens."

All of the Development Services divisions will be represented, as will Police, Fire, Legal, Stormwater and Utilities.



# City Auction Goes On-Line Sept. 29

## List of Items, Photos, Bidding on Internet

The City of Broken Arrow's public auction this fall won't require anyone to stand around waiting to bid on the items of their choice. Whether it's raining outside, sunny, hot or cold, those wishing to bid can do so from the comfort of their homes or offices.

This year the City's auction will be held On-Line, with bidding beginning Sept. 29.

Every year the City accumulates a number of items which have "outlived their usefulness, either through age, use or obsolescence." In past years these items, ranging from chairs and desks and computer equipment to pickup trucks, have been disposed of at a public auction at the City's Maintenance Center. This year it will be much easier!

Lee Zirk, Director of the General Services Department, announced that details have been worked out with a company which specializes in Internet auctions. Items which will be available will be posted on the City's web-site, along with photos of many of the items and well as complete information on how to take part in the event. Items may be viewed before the auction at the Maintenance Center, 1700 W. Detroit, but prior arrangements must be made first. To set up a time (between the hours of 8 a.m. and 3 p.m, weekdays) when you can view those items, call the City's Purchasing Division at 259-7000, ext. 7368.

A link to a page on the auction can be found on the City's Home Page ([www.brokenarrowok.gov](http://www.brokenarrowok.gov)). The link to the site of the auction company is:

<http://www.publicsurplus.com/IANAuction/ok/brokenarrow?ianaac=sellerview&headoid=49348&oid=49348>

TALKING POLITICS -- Congressman John Sullivan (center) visits with (from left) Broken Arrow Vice-Mayor Craig Thurmond and Mayor Richard Carter, and with Skip Mefford and Joe Robson of the Robson Companies at a public forum co-sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce and the City at Central on Main last month.



## Police, Fire, Main Street Merchants Combine for 'Fun & Games' Oct. 28

For the fourth year in a row the Broken Arrow Police Department will be partnering with Main Street Merchants in "Night Out on Crime with Fun & Games on Main." The Halloween "alternative" will be held Saturday, Oct. 28, at Central on Main and along Main Street.

Lisa Ford, Crime Prevention Specialist for the BAPD, estimates that last year nearly 10,000 people visited Central On Main to take part in the program, which includes a mix of police and fire department personnel and booths representing several non-profit agencies. Any agency which would like to participate this October, or those wishing more information, should contact Ford at 451-8213. There is also a link from the City's website ([www.brokenarrowok.gov](http://www.brokenarrowok.gov)) to both the information letter and the registration form for participating businesses and agencies.

While a great deal of educational material will be distributed Oct. 28, there will also be many other attractions for young and old alike. All along Main Street there will be entertainment, "goodies" and prizes. The Main Street Merchants will also be hosting a petting zoo.

At Central On Main the BAPD will be providing 2,000 free hot dogs (courtesy of the Kenosha Reasor's store), 2,000 cups of soft drinks (courtesy of Ferguson Pontiac); and 1,000 free ice cream sandwiches (courtesy of Blue Bell Creameries).

The BAPD will have representatives of its Special Operations Team, K-9 unit, bike patrol, communications division, animal control, crime scene investigation unit, DiVert and motorcycle patrols at Central. There will also be a Rollover Simulator; Vince and Larry - the Crash Dummies; McGruff, the Crime Fighting Dog; a Jupiter Jump (sponsored by IBC Bank); representatives of the BA Fire Department; and contests for best costumes and for pumpkin decorating.



NEW SEASON AND A NEW ERA -- When the 2006 Broken Arrow Youth Football Association season began in August, it marked the beginning of a new era in youth sports for the City. Games for the league are now being played at the Nienhuis Football Fields at Nienhuis Park, 3201 N. 9th Street.

## Community Calendar

**Sept. 16 --** Annual Wolf Creek Neighborhood Garage Sale. All day at participating homes in the Wolf Creek addition, between South Aspen and Fir, and between West Washington and New Orleans.

**Sept. 23 --** Country Aire Homeowners Association sponsors an all-day, area-wide garage sale, 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Country Aire consists of 916 homes between Olive and Aspen (129th E. Ave. and 145th E. Ave.) and between Houston and Kenosha (81st and 71st). Participating residents will be offering items for sale in their garages, driveways and yards.

**Sept. 26 to 30 --** "Celebrate Oklahoma!" exhibit presented by the Broken Arrow Historical Society. A traveling exhibit which will be open to the public at the Stinchcomb Mansion and Victorian Gardens, 1004 S. Main. Co-sponsored by the City of Broken Arrow Tourism Office. Open for viewing from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Sept. 26, 27 and 28 and from 12 noon to 8 p.m. Sept. 29 and 30. No admission charge, but donations will benefit the Historical Society's new museum exhibit fund.

**Sept. 29 --** Start of the City's 2006 Auction, which this year will be held on the Internet. You can see a list of items on the City's website ([www.brokenarrowok.gov](http://www.brokenarrowok.gov)) or go to the Auction website at <http://www.publicsurplus.com/IANAuction/ok/brokenarrow?ianaac=sellerview&headoid=49348&oid=49348>.

**Sept. 30 --** 2006 Miss Broken Arrow Scholarship Pageant. This is a qualifier for the 2007 Miss Oklahoma and Miss America pageants. Held once again at the North Intermediate High School auditorium, starting at 7 p.m. There are 14 contestants, six of them Broken Arrow High School seniors.

**Sept. 30 --** The Heart of Broken Arrow Arts and Crafts Fair at the Community Center in Central Park, 1500 S. Main. Sponsored by the Main Street Merchants Association, working with the City's Parks & Recreation Department. For information on booths call Darlene at 251-1591.

**Oct. 5 --** 7th Annual Chamber of Commerce Golf Tournament. Forest Ridge Golf Club. Call the Chamber for information, 251-1518.

**Oct. 6-7 --** Friends of Broken Arrow Neighbors Book Fair, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at 315 W. College.

**Oct. 7 and Oct. 14 --** Broken Arrow Amateur Basketball Association will hold registration for its 2006-07 season from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the BA Youth Sports Building, 1005 S. Main. For boys and girls in grades 1 through 8 who live in BA or attend BA schools are eligible. For further information call 251-1005, ext. 250, or visit their website at [www.bahoops.com](http://www.bahoops.com).

**Oct. 28 --** "Night Out Against Crime with Fun and Games on Main" 6:00

## City Named Finalist for National Honor

The National League of Cities and CH2M Hill announced that the City of Broken Arrow has been named a finalist for the 2006 Awards for Municipal Excellence. Specifically, the Broken Arrow Police Department Leadership Team has been cited for this NLC recognition. This comes on the heels of the same BAPD participative management program being named as a finalist for the Webber-Seavey Award for Excellence in Law Enforcement by the International Association of Chiefs of Police. The Awards for Municipal Excellence recognize outstanding programs that have significantly contributed to the quality of life in their city. Winners will be announced at the National League of Cities' Congress of Cities and Exposition in Reno, Nev., December 5-9, 2006.